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Cyber Security Month - Protecting Your Business From Cyber Criminals

Hackers aren't just going after large corporations, but cyber criminals are also targeting small businesses and individuals. More than 80% of the U.S.'s critical infrastructure is privately owned. Many small companies might not have the resources to deal with the threats that they are facing. In recognition of October being National Cyber Security Awareness Month, WFO partnered with private businesses to discuss cyber security as one of the FBI's top priorities. At the event, WFO announced the creation of a new national Intellectual Property Rights squad of Special Agents and Analysts. Preventing intellectual property theft is a top priority of the FBI's cyber program and this dedicated squad is specifically focused on the theft of trade secrets and infringements on products that can impact consumers' health and safety, such as counterfeit aircraft, car, and electronic parts. Visit the FBI's website to learn more about Cyber Security Awareness Month.

New Cyber Safety Website for Teachers, Students

It's called the FBI-SOS (Safe Online Surfing) Internet Challenge—and it was developed with the assistance of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and with the input of teachers and schools. FBI-SOS is available through a newly revamped website at www.sos.fbi.gov. The website features six grade-specific "islands"—for third-through eighth-grade students—highlighting various aspects of cyber security through games, videos, and other interactive features. Each island has either seven or eight areas to explore—with a specific cyber safety lesson—and its own central character and visual theme.



Men Sentenced for Stealing More Than \$9 Million Through False Invoices

Harold Babb, the former director of contracts at Eyak Technology LLC, was sentenced to 87 months in prison for stealing more than \$9 million by submitting invoices to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for services that were not provided. Babb; James Miller, of Virginia Beach, Va., the owner of Big Surf Construction Management LLC, sentenced to 70 months in prison; and Robert McKinney, of Waldorf, Md., the president of Alpha Technology Group, sentenced to 33 months in prison, were each found to have participated in taking part in the largest domestic bribery and bid-rigging scheme in the history of federal contracting. All told, corrupt public officials agreed to steer government contracts in exchange for more than \$30 million in bribe and kickback payments. Twelve people have pled guilty to charges thus far.

Smithsonian Parking Lot Attendant Pled Guilty to Stealing Parking Fees

A booth attendant working for Parking Management, Inc. (PMI) pled guilty recently for stealing at least \$400,000 of visitor parking fees collected at the Smithsonian Institution's Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va. Meseret Terefe admitted that he began stealing parking fees in April 2009, shortly after PMI took over management of the Udvar-Hazy Center's parking lot. Visitors would pay attendants a \$15 daily fee per vehicle to use the parking lot. Terefe admitted that he unplugged electronic vehicle counters located in his booth as a way to manipulate accurate vehicle counts. The Smithsonian Office of Inspector General and WFO arrested him after his shift at the Udvar-Hazy Center parking lot. Terefe will be sentenced on Dec. 14 and faces a maximum of 10 years in prison.

Leadership Changes at WFO

October has been a busy month for WFO leadership, both coming and going. Assistant Director in Charge <u>James McJunkin</u> announced his retirement from the FBI after more than 25 years. FBI Director Mueller has appointed two new Special Agents in Charge to WFO: <u>Timothy A. Gallagher</u>, who oversees the Criminal Division and <u>Paul M. Abbate</u>, who oversees the Counterterrorism Division.



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